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Services Division

European Satellites Committee

(Meeting on Wednesday, 10 October 1956)

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Mrs. [REDACTED] of St/F has been appointed Chairman of the Committee.

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Mr. [REDACTED] of OCI discussed the current political situation in Poland. After treating the political and economic background of the present USSR Polish conflict, the liberalization drive in that country was outlined and prospects for the future were discussed. The Polish liberalization campaign seeks a rise in the standard of living, greater individual freedom for citizens -- particularly the right to criticize Party and Government leaders -- and more autonomy for Polish in its relation to the USSR and to the other Satellites.

At its next meeting, the Committee will discuss NIE 10.1644, "Stability and Cohesion of the Soviet Satellite Structure." This project, now in process, will require considerable contribution from D/S. Committee members are urged to make suggestions and comments on this topic at the meeting for incorporation in the NIE contribution. It would be particularly helpful if the commodity branches of D/M and D/I were to consider the main problems posed by 10.1644 and to offer their observations with respect to their specific commodities.



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